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NEW BOWLING ALLEYS THUNDER IN WD 22!



This is the sea of GI faces which greeted Colonel Streit when he rolled their punches during the Gripe Session last Friday.

GOOD-HUMORED TURNOUT FOR FIRST DGH GRIPE SESSION PACKS REC HALL

Eight hundred fifty heads crowded into the patients' Recreation Hall last Friday morning, 9 November, to sit in, listen or beef as Dibble's first big Gripe Session gathered steam. At the invitation of Col. Streit, military personnel of all ranks, duty or patient, flocked to the meeting . . . some of them just plain curious, others with things on their chests.

The Colonel, who had read the written gripes submitted in advance of the session, said that all were well taken, that none of them were petty. They covered widely scattered fields—from poor hair-cutting to a request for a better brand of beer, from "cold" WAC cadre rooms to the long wait for coffee at the PX.

"On-the-spot" Answers

The answers to some of the complaints were given on the spot: WAC first three-graders will get privileges similar to those enjoyed by their male counterparts. Time spent at other stations would be counted toward furlough time at this post. Field jackets will be issued to those men who don't have them as soon as they are available. Attempts will be made to cut waiting time at the PX cafeteria. Full use

of OT facilities for the Hobby Class was promised.

Questions from the floor were relayed by T/Sgt Louis Ormandy, who acted as moderator, for the benefit of listening bed patients. The extension of patient passes was okayed tentatively. The 60-point men were assured that they would be discharged by 15 November.

Session Last 70 Minutes

The session lasted 70 packed minutes, and as it progressed, more and more GIs warmed up to ask questions. Good humor toned the entire meeting, with the Colonel pulling as many laughs as his GI inquisitors.

The program was broadcast over the DGH Radio Workshop facilities, with T/4 Tommy Cooper announcing.

FIRST BALL ROLLED THURS.; S. F. TEAMS WILL ROLL PINS AT FORMAL OPENING 26 NOV.

Dibble's new bowling alleys thundered its opening last Thursday night, with Colonel Paul H. Streit rolling the first ball down the alley.

All comers got one free line of bowling "on the house" for the evening in the new ten-pin center, located in Ward 22, South.

Official opening of the alleys will be held on Monday, 26 November, with two teams of exhibition bowlers from San Francisco displaying their pin art for DGH personnel.

The four Brunswick alleys were installed by the Post Engineer, after having been obtained from Gardiner Field, in Taft, California. Equipped with automatic spring tension pin setters, and featuring the range finder principle, a series of inlaid direction points, the alleys are among the finest in this area.



WOJG Edwin Howe is Bowling Officer, with T/4 Fred Evanoff as manager of the alleys. Kegling enthusiasts may bowl every day, including Sundays, from 1300 to 2200, for straight charge of 10 cents per line. Schedules for patients, duty officers, and enlisted persons have been issued.

Mr. Howe is interested in booking hospital league teams and is planning an inter-sectional bowling tournament as soon as possible. The Blind Rehab boys and the WACs already have good teams ready for all opponents.

60-POINT MEN LEAVE

Thirty-nine 60-point men at Dibble were discharged on Thursday, 15 November, from the DGH Separation Point.

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\$22,000 Dibble Bond Quota For Final Victory Drive



Twenty-two thousand dollars is Dibble's share of the 11 billion dollar national quota for the 8th and final Victory Loan Drive. Opened on 29 October, the Victory Drive will furnish funds to bring GIs home from overseas, care for the wounded, and help vets readjust to civilian life.

Bonds are available at the DGH Finance Office. A special Roosevelt Memorial Bond —\$150, to mature at \$200 in 10 years—is offered in the Class E Series.

Date set for winding up the drive is 8 December—four years to a day from the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor.

Metal Discharge Pins

Washington (CNS)—The honorable discharge button issued from now on will be of gold-plated metal, instead of gold-plated plastic, says the WD. Heretofore, metal had not been available. Veterans with the old model can get a new one without charge at the nearest Army installation by presenting their discharge papers.



PROTESTANT

Chaplain Ira V. Garrison

Sunday: Worship Service, Closed NP Section, 0900; Sacred Music Concert, Chapel 0930; Preaching Service, 1000; Musical Program, Closed NP Section, 1830. Tuesday: Bible Study and Discussion, Chapel, 1830. Office Consultation Hours: Each week day, 0900-1000.

CATHOLIC

Chaplain William P. O'Connor

Sunday: Mass, Chapel, 0610, 0745, 1100; Mass, Closed NP Section, 0900. Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1645; Tuesday, Thursday, 0700. Monday: Novena, 1930. Saturday: Confessions, 1900-2100. Confessions before and after each Mass.

JEWISH

Chaplain Samuel W. Chomsky
Rabbi Emanuel Kumin

Friday: Sabbath Service, Chapel, 1945. Chaplains available for consultation at any time. Call Ext. 299.

All personnel, military and civilian, their family and friends, are invited to attend the services of their choice.

GOD'S BEST BLESSINGS ON YOU!

ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE

Under these crosses are lying
Men whom America wrought
Living, they loved her, and dying
Fell in the cause that she fought.
Doherty, Bucci, Kaminsky,
Grubel, Gerranti, De Saulle,
Gundersen, Susock, Levinsky,
Swenson,—Americans all.

Names of all nations and races,
Names that rouse wonder and mirth,
—But men of one land that
embraces
The faith of all freedom on earth.
Reiss, Diachenko, Sicinto,
Polygot names, but they've shown
There was one land they were kin to;
They were America's own.

Kordas, Martinez, Van Hooven,
—These are no "alien dust,"
These are the dead who have proven
True to America's trust;
For, where the cannon fire shatters,
Where men must battle and fall,
Names do not matter — THIS
matters,
"They were Americans All!"

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Waged Own War of Nerves**Wd 10 Patient Says Nine Days as A POW is Enough**

A German prisoner for nine days—that was the fate of Pfc Don Ebener, Wd 10, when a US convoy wound its way too far ahead of Allied lines and fell into a German ambush. "Even nine days is too long," according to Ebener.

Wounded by Jerry gunfire, he was hauled to a hospital near the Czechoslovakian border. "They pulled out the slugs, bandaged me up, and left me to rot," is his description of the German medical treatment.

As soon as he recovered from shock, he spent his time waging a "war of nerves" on the medical staff. "The doctors and nurses spoke good English, and were plenty worried about what would happen to them when the Americans arrived." Ebener used all his imagination to cook up gory stories. By the time the US Army appeared, he had the quavering doctor's Luger in his own hands.

Looking forward to a pre-law course at the University of Oregon, Ebener remembers that, "Those German nurses were pretty good looking," but he prefers the American variety which gives treatment along with its beauty.

New Plastic Centers Added

In keeping with the Army's program to establish sufficient plastic eye centers to supply the needs of patients requiring prostheses, Fitzsimons and O'Reilly General Hospitals have been added to the list of general hospital centers.

Tobacco Rationing Off

Chain smokers and cigar chewers are going to town, now that the Army's tobacco rationing program has been rescinded, effective 29 October.

She Inspires Many A Patient To Start "Etching" Collection

A gal who's started many a Dibble patient into a hobby of sketching, and who has created half-a-gallery of portraits of hospital personalities, is OT Apprentice Jeanne Ruenuauer.

"I'm particularly interested in using art as a form of Occupational Therapy," Miss Ruenuauer states. Many patients, who wander into the art corner idly interested in cartooning, become fatally fascinated by sketching. Only about three men have been professional artists. The display in charcoal, pastels and oils proves the success of Miss Ruenuauer's supervision.

She has recorded the personalities of Dibble staff officers, patients and fellow OT craftswomen, mostly in the mediums of charcoal pencil on tone paper. "I'd like to develop portrait technique in oils."

Miss Ruenuauer is a graduate of Montana University, has taught school and done professional portrait painting in her home state and in Chicago. Her OT apprenticeship winds up next January, but plans for the future definitely include continuing her own studio.

Wds 10-11 Have Chow Mein Spree

Alum Rock Park, San Jose, was the scene of a party last Saturday night, planned by Pfc Frank Kaplan for Wd 10 and 11 patients.

More than 10 guests, including girls from San Francisco's SP railway, mixed a chow mein dinner with plenty of beer. Dancing, with a band, vocalist, and floor show, finished the evening.

OT's Jeanne Ruenuauer**Art-Skills Women Learn Crafts to Teach Patients**

Among the guiding hands who help Dibble patients in turning out those tooled-leather wallets and gay woven rugs are the women of the Arts and Skills Group who assist in the OT shop.

These Palo Alto and Menlo Park women range from skilled artists to housewives who had never wielded a paint brush. Some of the group have been assisting at Dibble since the OT shop opened. They were selected by Stanford University art instructors after a special OT course, in which they learned the variety of arts and crafts which they now teach to convalescing patients.

Pictured in a conference with Miss Hazel Donelson, (center) director of the DGH OT department, are Mrs. Nadine Crane, Mrs. Harriet Gilman, Mrs. Dorothy Gorman, and Mrs. Lea Kratz.





All present and accounted for!

WARD chatter



Taking a terrific beating at the races . . . The boys from Wds 10 and 11 have a system all figured out . . . which brought a thirty-buck profit last week

Walter Reed and "Junior" Maddox, Wd 6, joined the elite with a couple of buddies, when they were invited to occupy a box . . . beer and sandwiches were added to the party by their civilian host.

Orientors from Wd 11 are planning an extension telephone, to be hooked up at the Clover Club . . . where tea-time classics (San Antone!) are sawed out nightly by Lou Ormandy, Jack Horner, and "Rodeo" Roy Smith.

Alonzo Palmer kept a 5-year-old date two Sundays ago . . . with Palo Alto's Clarice Niemeth at St. Thomas Aquinas church. Since their unofficial engagement in early 1940 Palmer joined the army, saw the bombing of Manila, and spent three years as a Jap PW . . . Another RAMP, Alford Cook, wants to be a recruiting sergeant in the RA.

Hangover from his drugstore cowboy days . . . Chalmers West keeps the gals in the fountain happy . . . Bob Daly, Wd 28, is recuperating from a 30-day furlough . . . during which he was the terror of all South Frisco cops . . . one car is still wrapped neatly around a telephone pole.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"...and this one can cook!"

Oh Nurse!

By Olive Drab

Gen Wainwright, in his "This Is My Story," carried by the San Francisco Examiner, recently paid top tribute to one of Dibble's nurses:

"One of the most courageous acts of the entire campaign happened the night the submarine paid the last call to Corregidor. No one had worked harder or was more valuable to her country than Capt Mealer, Chief Nurse of the hospital in the Tunnel. I told my surgeon, Col Cooper, that I wanted Captain Mealer's name included on the list of girls to be taken out by the sub. She was the only nurse I specifically named. But Col Cooper came to me shortly after receiving my order and reported that Captain Mealer had told him that she did not choose to leave—"as long as there's a patient in the hospital." I considered, and still consider this a truly great act of heroism. She knew as well as I that she was signing her captivity warrant."

Have any of you gals on the separation list looked into the GI Bill as it pertains to the ANC? The tremendous advantages offered make discharge look inviting for still another reason.

Sports seen . . . the hot bowler in our midst who hit 175 one evening . . . five free games, but she was too tired to accept the victory! Lt Jacobs is setting a new Pace—Lt Pace—to music . . . the wedding march.

HERE'S HOW TO WEAR THEM

Overseas vets who blossom out in Class A uniform may have some difficulty in the correct placing of their ribbons which they earned the hard way.

MEDAL OF HONOR			
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL	LEGION OF MERIT	SILVER STAR
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS	SOLDIER MEDAL	BRONZE STAR	AIR MEDAL
PURPLE HEART	GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON	PRE PEARL HARBOR	THEATER RIBBON

The above chart shows the correct layout.

Badges such as Air Corps Wings, Combat and Expert Infantry Badges, Paratrooper Wings, and Medical Badges are worn above the service ribbons.

BUY A VICTORY BOND



BOQ

BTO of BOQ, Lt Ferderber, back from an extended tour of the East Coast . . . still single but with famous "sister" stories. Got any artist materials for sale? Contact Captain Pokorny . . . the boy is going "long hair." Girls are warned not to accept preferred invitation to inspect echings. Lt Tudor and his snazzy Cadillac . . . now that we've seen the elegant appearance he makes while driving it, we suggest he buy it.

After nine years a Major, Francis Colien left Dibble a Lt Colonel. Major Diamond left, tools and all, for greener pastures. Outside the gates, also are Lt Col Mitchell and Lt Lamb, ex-Provost Marshal.

The flu shots sent a few of the staff officers to quarters "in connection with rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery." Lt Lidstrom came near being sent home for the same purpose when he ordered the maze constructed in his section.

The Post Chaplain continues to entertain the 0700 Breakfast Club. We wonder what is in the refrigerator now standing where the coke machine used to be? . . . The dry cleaning concession is still open at BOQ . . . anyone interested? And, by the way, it's Papa Papper, now.

Lt Wolf is still crying about the crease that some grease monkey put in his newly-acquired gasoline buggy. The coming of new nurses to the mess hall makes it difficult to concentrate on a chore so prosaic as eating.



PRE NAME SYVRESON
AF CULLEN CITY, CALIF.
"Boy—it sure is good to see an American girl after four years in the South Pacific!"

WAC Wise

By Sob Sister

Among the many reverting to "Miss" or "Mrs." was Alice Ross . . . off to accept a counseling job at Alma Ma Cornell. . . . Milly Dietz back on the Post with a collegiate red sweater and name changed to Stoll . . . Teddy Turgeon donned a white wedding gown for a High Mass ceremony . . . Barbara Martin and ex-fighter pilot husband, now a DGH patient, celebrated their second anniversary.



Weekending in San Francisco . . . Domnitz and E. Miller, with former Dibble WAC Anne Harrison . . . Sullivan celebrated her last day here by attending

the races, in company with Guerrero, Gilbert, Nayle, and Stone . . . Mayes, Sedillo and Blake were also discovering that the horses don't pay. . . .

Hitting the bottle—of peroxide—and blonde streaked pompadours become epidemic in the detachment. "Breathless" is the PT theme song, as they hustle to care for a horde of new patients . . .

Family reunion . . . for Honey Lou Watts, with mother, sister, and CPO brother who was on a sub at Pearl Harbor during its bombing . . . Janie Hanson has departed to enter school at U of Cal with husband Bill . . . with all of Surgery staff invited to weekend in their new Oakland apartment . . . Mary Stevens insists that A-2 is NOT keeping open house for sailors.

New WAC Ratings

Fourteen WACs blossomed out as sergeants couple of weeks ago, when special orders added more stripes. Sgt Mary Stephens, Education Recon non-com, added her first rocker as a Staff Sergeant.

All others were promoted to Technician, 4th Grade: T/5 Cottrell, Adams, Stone, Poe, Grubbs, Hamm, Lanting, Claiborne, Nilson, Mendoza, Alton, Downer, Walsh.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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CIVIL Tongues

Three gardenias . . . for copper-tressed Ila Harrington of R & E on her birthday . . . hubby Harold saying it with flowers . . . Post Engineers said "so-long" to Evelyn Ryder and Lillian Barnes with a party at Beulah Moran's in Redwood City. Evie's to rejoin navy husband, Lillian's heading New Yorkward to meet her Ex-Dibble photographer.

Wedding of Mark Vucovich and Marian de Vries in post chapel copula Sundays ago went off fine . . . even if Mark didn't know whether she was Marian with an "o" or an "a." Along with a bride, he also got a boost to Tech Sgt.

Ardis Ladapie and brand-new husband Jack Lynn, former DGH patient, can be seen hand-in-handing down San Jose's First St. on Saturday afternoons . . . Nora Wayne leaves Sgt Major's office to care for civilian poppa . . . Ruthie Owens will move to Oakland to be near better half at naval air base . . . Irene Epstein's ETO better half is on his way home.

 Up in the air . . . attractive Virginia Vreburgh, taking flying lessons so she can beat pilot husband at his own game . . . her first solo tailspin was a lulu . . . Lt (now Mister) Britt started a "gradual reconversion" by showing up in full dress uniform plus bright blue socks . . . Ray Borgett has a tale about the time his jalopy was almost walled in, in Burbank.

THE WORM TURNS . . .

Manila (CNS)—In the old days the idea was to find a WAC to release a man for combat. Today that situation has been reversed, and the Army here is now seeking men to replace WACs. The purpose is not to send the WACs into battle, but to free them so that they can go home. There are some 4000 WACs in the western and southwestern Pacific, including a handful of WAC officers who are in Japan.

Medical DT's

Flu shots . . . caused plenty of soaring temperatures, but nothing compared to the "sore" temperatures of low-point men bucking their fourth year of service. . . .

Corner on the market in tarantulas is held by Big Harry Woll and Tiny Dick Degner; they'll insure you against bites, gashes, welts—"the DDT Boys, Up the Creek."

Recruiting Sgt Thompson makes the ETO sound like Paradise Lost . . . but who's lost?

Mad Mark Vucovich took himself a lovely bride last week in the Post Chapel. Sweet Marian de Vries, X-Ray's Shining Light, caught him, threw him, hooked him . . . and she looked so helpless! The Elite Guard of Barracks A-1 sat in on the finals, at which Mark wore his new T/Sgt neons. . . .

The bookies at Bay Meadows would shiver and shake if they ever sat in on the noon Chow, Chew and Choke Club and listened to the schemes concocted for beating the system by charter members Malatesta, Kleinman, Hopp and Bush.

Departed souls who need no mourning . . . Larry Maxwell, Milt Costlow, George Whale, Emmett Flournoy, Carmine Palmieri, Jerry Zipperman . . . the latter back swinging.

Dets Add 67 EM, 39 WACs

Detachment ranks were swelled last week with an addition of 67 EM, transferred from Ft Lewis, Washington. Twenty-six WAC medical, surgical and lab technicians shipped here from Baxter GH, seven from Bushnell. Six PT students were added from other West Coast hospitals.

No Saluting in Paris

Paris (CNS)—The signals are off in Paris—no more saluting is required. Maj Gen T. B. Larkin, acting theatre service forces commander, issued the order, because GIs in the city are for the most part furloughing. Heretofore, MPs did a big business in catching offenders.

Selective Service Entrance, Bub

MILTON CANIFF
I'DA SWORE THAT
DISCHARGE AWFICER
SAID I'D BE SOCIALLY
SECURE!

This is One Time GIs Will Get The Bird But Won't Kick

The GI appetite, which never needs whetting, will meet its equal next Thursday, 22 November, then it gets the bird. Not just any kind of bird, but roast turkey with all the trimmings, to coin a phrase. Here's the Thanksgiving layout, which has us drooling already:

Grapefruit Maraschino		
Roast Turkey		
Sage Dressing	Giblet Gravy	
Celery Curls	Olives	Sweet Pickles
Cranberry Sauce		
Whipped Potatoes		
Candied Sweet Potatoes		
Creamed Onions	Buttered Peas	
Tossed Green Salad	French Dressing	
Hot Clover Leaf Rolls		
Mincemeat Pie	Pumpkin Pie	
Plum Pudding—Rum Sauce		
Fresh Fruit	Mixed Nuts	
Coffee		

Military personnel and civilian employees may have members of their immediate family as guests for the meal. Guests will be charged 75 cents for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Post Theater Matinee Next Friday

The Post Theater will run a special matinee at 1245 next Friday, 23 November, and 30 November for night duty personnel. If attendance is large enough, these matinees may be included in the regular schedule.

V-Mail Ends

New York (CNS)—The Army's V-mail service has ended. The end came after the 824,081st letter was mailed from New York from Gen Clarence H. Kells, head of the POE Post Office here, to Gen Eisenhower in Germany.



Carmen Cavallaro, Poet of the Piano, who played at the DGH Rec Hall with his orchestra on 31 October.

CINEMA

Sat., 17 Nov.	1900
She Went To The Races	
James Craig, Frances Gifford	
Sun., Mon., 18-19 Nov.	1815-2015
And Then There Were None	
Barry Fitzgerald, Walter Huston,	
Louis Hayworth	
The Enchanted Forest	
Edmund Lowe, Brenda Joyce	
Tues., 20 Nov.	1815-2015
You Drive Me Crazy	
Edgar Kennedy Comedy	
Thurs., 22 Nov.	1815-2015
Don't Fence Me In	
Roy Rogers, Gabby Hayes	
Fri., 23 Nov.	1815-2015
Lost Weekend	
Ray Milland, Jane Wyman	
Sat., 24 Nov.	1900
Sunbonnet Sue	
Phil Reagan, Gale Storm	
Sun., Mon., 25-26 Nov.	1815-2015
Fallen Angel	
Alice Faye, Dana Andrews, Linda	
Darnell	
Tues., 27 Nov.	1815-2015
Pursuit to Algiers	
Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce	
Thurs., 20 Nov.	1815-2015
A Game of Death	
John Loder, Audrey Long	
Fri., 30 Nov.	1815-2015
Too Young To Know	
Joan Leslie, Robert Hutton	

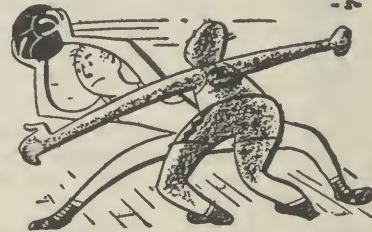
Patients Entertainment Schedule

Sun., 18 Nov.	
McKinney Movie—	
“Meet John Doe”	RC 1415
Snack Bar	RC 1900
Mon., 19 Nov.	
GI Movie—“Golf	
Champions”	Recon 1000
USO Wd Show “Swing	
Session”	SS 1730
Thanksgiving Dance	RC 2030
Tues., 20 Nov.	
GI Movie	Recon 1000
RC Movie—“Dangerous	
Partners”	RC 1815
Wed., 21 Nov.	
Forum—“Organization of	
Business Enterprise”	Recon 1000
Game Night	RC 1900
Thurs., 22 Nov.	
GI Movie	Recon 1000
Discussion Group	Recon 1000
Arthur Murray Dance Class	RC 1500
RC Movie—“Steppin	
In Society”	RC 1745
Sat., 24 Nov.	
GI Movie	Recon 1000
Kitchen Party	RC 1900

Basketball Dribbles Its Way Into Dibble's Sport Picture

Dibble patients are signing up for a hot sports schedule, with intra-mural leagues in basketball, volleyball, handball, and ping-pong. Under management of the Reconditioning Branch, the games will be played in regular PT hours, with prizes from the PX going to winning teams and individuals.

A Post basketball five will include both patients and duty personnel. S/Sgt Bob Wylie, who led scoring in the Redwood City Industrial League last year, is the only holdover from the old team. Call for detachment cagers netted two men—Supply clerk Stanley Pampuch and Wardman Doug Carter.



DIB-WACs invaded the basketball court Friday night to begin practice. Bright yellow and blue uniforms are on order for the feminine cagers. According to Lt. Banning, new member of the Recon staff, the six-girl team to be organized will play free-lance games with other Bay Area groups. A Coast League may be organized later in the season.

The Gym is open to all personnel—civilian and military—who want to keep in trim, from 1800 to 2100 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Patients' Thanksgiving Dance

A letter-writing contest, with cash prizes, will be a special feature at a Thanksgiving dance for Dibble patients on 19 November. Sponsored by Peninsula Lodge, B'nai Brith, the dance will be held in the Red Cross auditorium from 2030 to 2300.

Fifteen dollars goes to the prize letter on the subject: "How I can best exemplify the spirit of Thanksgiving and Brotherhood at DGH." Entries must be placed in a box in the Red Cross lobby before 0900 19 November. Chaplain O'Connor will judge the contest.

Patients will dance with 100 hostesses from San Francisco, to music of the Ft. Mason band. A floor show, door prizes, and refreshments will add to the entertainment.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Most of the 3,000 battle casualties still remaining in the Pacific will be returned to the United States within thirty days, and all other transportable casualties are expected to be home by Christmas, according to the War Department.

GIs Like "Coed"-ucation At San Mateo Jr. College

A special feature of Dibble's Education Reconditioning Program is the daily trek of patient-students to nearby San Mateo Junior College via GI transportation.

Since 7 May, 1945, when President Morris welcomed the first DGH students, approximately 100 patients have attended, either to audit courses or to get college credit.

The bus leaves every morning at 0730, so you've got to bolt early chow. Patients, some wearing uniforms, others in the MD USA custom-built snuggies, attend classes from 0800 to 1100; are picked up and returned to Dibble in time for lunch.

Patients may register at any time by applying at the Educ Recon office, Wd 22. A list of classes is posted on the bulletin board in the Civic Center; extra copies are available in the office. In most cases, credit is allowed for military education and experience, and college or high school work taken at the JC may be transferred after leaving Dibble. There are no fees, tuition or otherwise, but patients must provide their own text books.

All is not dull drudgery at school . . . there are always the coeds. Patients may use the student co-op and the inter-campus bus. Invitations are extended by the student body heads to all Dibble students to take part in extra-curricular activities, assemblies, dances, luncheons, etc.

The DIBBLE DATA photographer, who joined the patients for a day of college life, found two GIs (above) taking a refresher course in campusology with a couple of coed beauties as instructors. Back to the grind and snafued by a tough problem in accounting, he flashed a picture instead . . .

CAMPUS LIFE . . . HMMM!



Business Counseling Pays Off

Dibble's Business Counseling Forum, run by the Educational Recon section really pays off. As a result of one of them, Bob Harkness, former DGH patient at the Douglas Annex, will begin to pull down a job as an accountant with the Bank of America in San Francisco at 200 dollars per.

Harkness met Lloyd Tobey, vice-president of the Bank of America, while he was here as a counselor in Banking and Accounting. Mr. Tobey, hired the ex-GI, who starts balancing the books this Monday.

Gas Stations, Popular GI Business

Albany, N. Y. (CNS)—Gas stations and small retail stores top the list of small businesses which GIs wish to open in New York State, the State Commerce Department announced.

White Infantrymen Laud Negro Doughs' Performance

Washington (CNS)—Negro infantryman who fought in the ETO performed "very well" in a combat and this performance was on a par with that of white doughs, a survey conducted by the Research Branch, I&E Div, ETO, among white junior officers and platoon sergeants who commanded the Negro fighters reveals.

Two-thirds of the officers and noncoms who were interviewed looked askance on the idea of mixed units when assigned to them, the study indicated, but after serving in such units, 77% looked with greater favor on the idea.

To the query, "How well did the colored soldiers in this company perform in combat," these answers were given:

	White Officers	White Noncoms
Not well at all	0%	0%
Not so well	0%	1%
Very well	84%	81%
Fairly well	16%	17%
Undecided	0%	1%

The survey brought out the fact that white and colored troops in the same unit got along "fairly well," and that the best way to use Negro infantrymen is to include Negro platoons in otherwise white companies, and that prejudice against Negro soldiers was considerable where white soldiers had not seen them in combat but lessened the closer the whites came to seeing them in action.

At the time, Stars and Stripes commented: "The plan of mixing white and colored doughboys in fighting units was launched not as an experiment in race relations but as an answer both to the needs of the military situation and repeated requests by Negro service troops to get into the war as combat men."



Registrar-teacher Martha Burrell clears up a tricky problem in accounting . . . or does she?



Ten minute break in the student co-op, with Rathgeber behind the bar . . . make mine vanilla!



CAPSULE CRITICISMS

By H. H. Arnold, Librarian

We've just read **THREE MEN IN NEW SUITS**, the J. B. Priestley novel which the reviewers call timely and significant. In the severely cut, very new suits which brand them as demobilized British soldiers, the three young men—a farmer, a quarry worker, and a member of the county aristocracy—return together from the wars. Each finds himself a misfit among his relatives and friends whose aim is to turn the clock back to 1939; each must succumb or rebel. Whatever significance the book has for American readers lies in the way Priestley sees the three working together toward independent action in business, politics or love.

Speaking lightly of love—and who doesn't sometimes?—we know two little volumes on the subject, which are neither significant nor timely, glory be! The first is a slight little book with the provocative title **LADY LOVERLY'S CHATTER**. We had never before heard of Fritz Willie, who did the many tiny illustrations, nor of Mart Reb who wrote the simple little story of a soldier on furlough, and his meeting with a somewhat shady lady. The author suggests that the setting is San Francisco, but—gentlemen that he is—he gives no hint as to the lady's address or telephone number.

The other contribution to the sentimental subject is James Thurber's **THE WHITE DEER**, a story for the Irish, the young in heart, the not-to-earthbound reader. It's a wise and funny yarn, woven of such fairy-tale stuff as rhymed riddles, an enchanted forest, and a white fawn that becomes a princess when pursued. Much of the amusement comes from the play on words, the Thurberian satire of poking fun at doctors for their bedside manners, lawyers for their pompous poses, librarians for their orgy of alphabetsizing.

For our money—and your reading time—little gems like these may have as much to offer on everybody's favorite subject, as certain long stream-of-consciousness novels we could name.

RA RECRUITER MOVES TO WD 22

The Recruiting office has moved to the Individual Services Section on Ward 22, 1st Sgt Thompson, Recruiting Sergeant, wants it known. Two new reenlistments have been garnered: Pfc Leroy Williams and T/4 John Cartwright.

FESTIVE XMAS PLANNED

Plans for a gala Christmas at Dibble are now under way, with the Christmas Committee, headed by Mrs. Martha Barrows, ARC Director, and Lt Don Linder, Special Services Officer, making the arrangements.

One of the events scheduled will be a big Christmas party for the children of all duty personnel, to be held in the Rec Hall. Another event will be a Christmas Tree contest, with ten prizes to be awarded for the most ingenious decorations.

All patients in the hospital will receive gifts; a special show is being arranged for the entire hospital staff; ward shows will tour the wards; carolers will sing; a wrapping service center and a personal shopping service will be set up in the Red Cross building.

And Santa Claus will be here, it is rumored, with gifts initialed "WD AGO Form 54-55"

EMPLOYEES WIN AWARDS

Fifty-five dollars in cash prizes were awarded to three DGH employees for time, money and labor-saving ideas which they submitted to the hospital's suggestion committee.

Top award of \$35 went to Percy Somers, operating engineer, for his suggestion of ceramic linings for boiler fire doors. His plan would eliminate the terrific loss of heat which occurs when doors are broken or cracked. Almost \$700 a year could be saved.

Another operating engineer, John Denicioni, won \$10 for his suggestion to sharpen lawn mowers on the post. Clyde Howard, Security guard, got \$10 for suggesting that civilian guards on the post wear arm bands to distinguish them from MP's.

Open to all personnel at Dibble, the need for greater participation in the competition is emphasized by Colonel Streit.



By way of introduction, this is ESTHER WILLIAMS, MGM's Water Queen. By way of statistics, 73.8% of Hollywood's stars can't cook or even peel potatoes . . . but who's hungry?